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Rowena Michaels  
Freedom of Information Officer  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Dear Ms. Michaels:

Vulcan is requesting, under the rights established by the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. 552, a copy of any correspondence related to the Region VII EPA May 19, 1986, letter to Vulcan Chemicals concerning "Frontierland."

If any additional information is necessary to satisfy this request, please do not hesitate to call me at 316-524-4211, extension 338.

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Very truly yours,

*Gary T. Mason*

Gary T. Mason  
Environmental Coordinator

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII  
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

July 23, 1986

Mr. Gary T. Mason  
Vulcan Chemicals  
P.O. Box 12283  
Wichita, Kansas 67277


Dear Mr. Mason:

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request  
Number (7)RIN 86-331

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request, I have enclosed a June 4, 1986, letter (with enclosure) from John W. Mitchell to William Rice.

This material is provided without charge.

Sincerely yours,

  
David A. Wagoner, Director  
Waste Management Division

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Barbara J. Sabol, Secretary

Forbes Field  
Topeka, Kansas 66620-0110  
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To: Morby -  
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June 4, 1986

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Pls. respond ASAP,  
to meet DAW.

Mr. William Rice  
Deputy Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
726 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Dear Mr. Rice:

In light of the planned EPA investigation into the alleged burial of drummed wastes at the Frontierland recreational area near Vulcan Materials Company, I am enclosing copies of all the information related to this subject which is present in our files. A review of this information indicates that personnel from this Department were unable to substantiate the allegations.

If you should have any questions regarding this material, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

*John W. Mitchell*  
John W. Mitchell  
Project Coordinator

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Division of Environment  
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: John Paul Goetz  
FROM: John W. Mitchell *John W. Mitchell*  
DATE: October 1, 1985  
SUBJECT: Alleged Waste Disposal by Vulcan Materials Company at Vulcan -  
Frontier Land

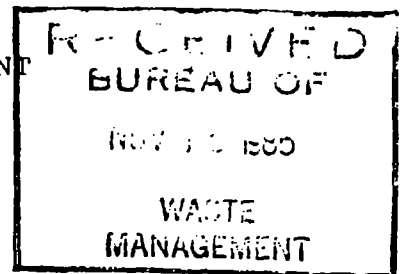
During my September 18, 1985 meeting with Vulcan area residents, a report of possible burial of drummed wastes by Vulcan Materials Company surfaced. In an effort to further pursue this report, I phoned Ms. Lauri Maddy on Friday, September 27. Ms. Maddy's phone number is (316) 545-7356.

Ms. Maddy lives approximately 2 miles south of the Vulcan plant and 1.5 miles west of Ridge Road on 79th Street South. This location is adjacent to Vulcan owned property which is used for employee recreational purposes. This property is commonly called "Frontier Land." Ms. Maddy said that she had questioned the Frontier Land care-taker regarding waste burial at this location. His response was allegedly, "How did you find out about that?"

Frontier Land is also a former location of Vulcan's salt solution mining operations. Cave-ins of the salt cavities are known to have occurred. I believe that elevated levels of chlorides have been detected in the creek which flows through this area.

Please arrange for appropriate district office personnel to investigate the allegations of past waste disposal at Frontier Land.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT  
Division of Environment  
Bureau of Waste Management



M E M O R A N D U M

To: J.P. Goetz, Chief, Hazardous Waste Management  
From: Dale T. Stuckey, SCD, BWM *DTS*  
Subject: Further Investigation of Ms. Maddy's Complaint  
Concerning Vulcan's Frontierland  
Date: November 13, 1985

I called Mrs. Maddy on November 1, 1985, to discuss her allegations concerning Frontierland. She said an elderly man named Burt Skinner had lived in the house 50 years prior to her moving in (approximately four years ago); and that this man was now senile and unable to respond to questioning. Mr. Skinner, she said, had told two people that he'd seen drums being buried at Frontierland. One of these people was Reba Louick, a neighbor of Mrs. Maddy; and the other was a lady named Vera, a personal acquaintance of Mrs. Maddy's. She told me I could contact Ms. Louick myself, and that she (Mrs. Maddy) would have Vera call me. When I asked her about her conversation with Mr. Detman, Frontierland caretaker, she implied that he had not actually confessed to drums being buried at Vulcan, but that his statement "who told you about that", was meant more as a rude rebuff towards her personally. Finally, she said that a Rick Hunter from the Wichita-Sedgwick County Dept. of Community Health told her that trash was being buried at Frontierland.

Next, I called Reba Louick [(316) 545-7318]. She said that approximately 10 years ago Mr. Skinner had pointed towards the creek that runs through Frontierland and said there were some 55 gallon drums buried out there. It was her guess that the drums were buried before Frontierland was even built. She did not know, however, exactly how long ago Mr. Skinner was talking about.

Last, I called Rick Hunter of the City-county Health Dept.. He told me that no one from his office had told Mrs. Maddy that trash was being buried at Frontierland. He told me that I may have actually been the source of this misconception: I'd called Jack Brown of the City-county Health Dept. earlier, to report the findings on my Frontierland investigation. I told him Gary Mason of Vulcan had hypothesized that Lauri Maddy may have seen the caretaker

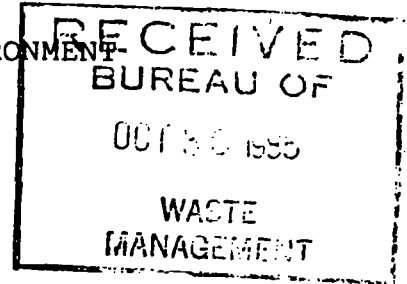
either hauling trash drums out of the recreation area or hauling the empty ones back in. After I'd talked to Mr. Brown, Lauri Maddy had also called to talk to him. Mr. Hunter guesses that Jack Brown mentioned my statement about trash drums and that Mrs. Maddy construed that to mean that trash was being buried at the site.

At the time of this writing, I have still not heard from Mrs. Maddy's friend Vera.

cc: John Mitchell

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Division of Environment  
Bureau of Waste Management



M E M O R A N D U M

To: John Paul Goetz, Chief, Hazardous Waste Management  
From: Dale T. Stuckey, SCD *DIS*  
Subject: Alleged Illegal Disposal Activities by Vulcan at  
Frontierland (Vulcan's employee recreation area)  
Date: October 28, 1985

On October 11, 1985, I visited with Gary Mason at Vulcan and was subsequently taken on a tour of Frontierland, one and one half miles west of Ridge Road on 79th street south. This investigation was prompted by a memo written to you by John Mitchell documenting the source and circumstances of the complaint.

The tour of Frontierland did not reveal any evidence of current or past disposal of industrial wastes. Frontierland is a 50 to 80 acre wooded tract of land containing camping and picnic areas, a fishing lake, horseshoe toss and basketball areas, etc. A shallow brine disposal well is present on the site but has not been used since sometime in the 1950's. Mr. Mason said a slight subsidence occurred after the well was closed. This subsidence was filled in with concrete slabs and covered. Mr. Mason assured me that no drummed waste or industrial waste of any kind has ever been taken out here (Frontierland). He speculates that the complainant may have seen some trucks hauling trash barrels to and from the site.

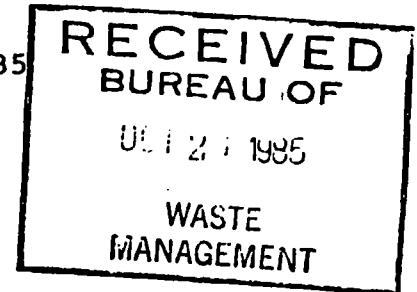
The caretaker, Marvin Detman, who lives in a trailer at Frontierland, and allegedly indicated waste had been disposed there, was on vacation and not available at the time of this visit.

On October 18, 1985, Marvin Detman called me. He insisted the Mrs. Maddy had gotten their conversation totally reversed. She (Mrs. Maddy) had told him that the elderly gentleman who lived in the house previous to her moving in, had reported seeing drummed wastes being buried at the site. (Mr. Detman said Mrs. Meddy had lived at her location across from Frontierland three years.) He (Mr. Detman) had in turn told her "if drums were buried out there I am not aware of it". (Mr. Detman has lived at Frontierland for six year.) Apparently, later on their phone conversation became heated and one or the other of them ended up hanging up.

cc: John Ramsey

James M. Boyd  
Plant Manager

October 18, 1985



John Ramsey  
Hazardous Waste Section  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Forbes Field  
Topeka, Kansas 66620

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

You have ask Vulcan to clarify an allegation that Vulcan has disposed of drummed waste at Frontierland. Vulcan has investigated the allegation and determined it to be unfounded. To the best of our knowledge, Vulcan has not disposed of drummed waste at Frontierland. To assure it has not happened, interviews were conducted with Vulcan personnel who have worked at this facility for over 25 years. All personnel questioned were unable to recall the depositing of any barrels at Frontierland at any time.

In addition, Dale Stuckey, the KDHE representative for the Wichita field office, conducted an inspection of Frontierland on October 11. There was no evidence of drum disposal. Dale Stuckey stated that he will conduct an interview with the caretaker of Frontierland and issue a report. Dale Stuckey's report should verify Vulcan's position.

If you have any questions, please call Gary Mason.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Boyd".

James M. Boyd  
Plant Manager

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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October 3, 1985

Mr. Gary Mason  
Environmental Coordinator  
Vulcan Materials Company  
P.O. Box 12283  
Wichita, Kansas 67277

Re: Alleged Disposal of Drummed Waste By Vulcan Materials Company at  
"Frontier Land"

Dear Mr. Mason:

We have received a report alleging that Vulcan disposed of some drummed waste about two miles south of your plant location and about one and one-half miles west of Ridge Road on 79th Street South. This location, we are told, is Vulcan-owned property and is commonly called "Frontier Land."

Please investigate this matter within your company and confirm or deny whether or not Vulcan has, at any time, disposed of any drummed waste at the location described above. Please respond to this letter by October 20, 1985.

Sincerely,

John S. Ramsey  
Hazardous Waste Section  
Bureau of Waste Management

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cc Dale Stuckey